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Alleged memorials from the share-holders of the Carnatic Paper Mills.

*282 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether largely signed memorials were received by the Government from the share-holders of the Carnatic Paper Mills, Limited, and if so, what reply the Government have given to the memorialists?

A.—Memorials were received but no reply has yet been given.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"May I know why no reply was sent and whether the Government intend to send a reply?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"We are considering."

Report on the possibilities of the Carnatic Paper Mills.

*283 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that Madras is one of the chief markets for the Titagher Paper Mills;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government in taking expert opinion on the possibilities of the mills, relied on the opinion given by the Titagher experts; and

(*c*) if so, whether the Government will consider the desirability of consulting other experts who are Indians to report on the company's possibilities?

A.—(*a*) Madras is one of the markets.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) The question does not arise.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"What steps have Government taken to obtain the opinion of the experts from other mills?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"That is still under consideration."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government propose to get experts from countries like Japan for this purpose?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"I cannot say now."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"In view of the adjournment motion carried in this House, will the Government consider the suggestion in this question before they make up their mind?"

Scholarships for training in the Victoria Technical Institute at Bombay and in Europe.

*284 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to place before the Council a statement showing—

(*a*) the distribution of scholarships awarded by the Madras Government for training in the Victoria Technical Institute at Bombay, in Europe and elsewhere among various communities during the last five years; and

(*b*) the number of applications from each community during the last five years?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Separate statements [a] are appended.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 576-578 infra.